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"Oh, Mel, how can you forget a love
such as ours ~~sob~~ what have I done?"

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LEAVE ME?**



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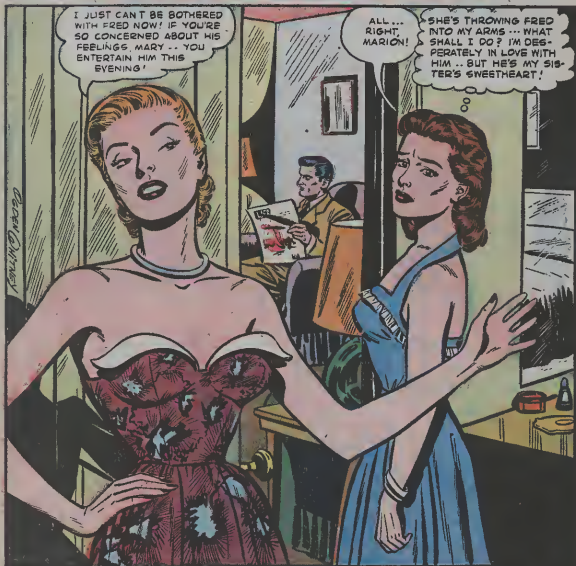
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LOVE CONFESSIONS

THERE COULD BE NO TRUE ROMANCE FOR ME IN MY UNHAPPY LIFE FOR EVERY NEW BOY I MET SOON FELL HEAD-OVER-HEELS IN LOVE WITH MY SISTER! MARION'S BEAUTY HYPNOTIZED THEM ALL AND CHEATED ME OF LOVE! THEN, ONE CAME ALONG WHOM I YEARNED TO MARRY! BUT THAT COULD NOT BE BECAUSE HE WAS A ...

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LOVE CONFESSIONS

IT WAS FRIDAY EVENING! AND LIKE OTHER GIRLS OF OUR AGE, MY SISTER MARION AND I WERE PREPARING TO GO OUT ON OUR WEEKEND DATES..

MY IT'S BEAUTIFUL... I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT BROACH BEFORE, MARION! WHERE ON EARTH DID YOU GET IT?

FROM AN ADMIRER! PERHAPS IF YOU PLAYED THE FIELD AND STOPPED CONFINING YOURSELF TO ONE BOY FRIEND YOU'D RECEIVE GIFTS LIKE THIS, MARY!



ALTHOUGH MY SISTER AND I HAD GROWN UP TOGETHER IN THE SMALL TOWN OF BRENTWOOD OUR ROMANTIC VIEWS WERE WORLDS APART..

BELIEVE ME MARY.. THERE ISN'T A MAN ALIVE THAT'S WORTH A GIRL'S FULL ATTENTION!

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE FAVORITE WITH THE BOYS, MARION! BUT I'M PERFECTLY CONTENT WITH TOM BOYLE.. OH! THE DOOR BELL! THAT'S PROBABLY HIM NOW.. TELL HIM I'LL BE DOWN IN A JIFFY!



AND SHORTLY, AS I WAS ABOUT TO ENTER THE LIVING ROOM, I DISCOVERED MARION UP TO HER OLD TRICKS...

YOU ARE HANDSOME, TOM! IT'S A PITY MARY I'M IN LOVE WITH! BEFORE I DID! FROM THE MOMENT I FIRST MET YOU!

M-MARION N-NOT AGAIN.. WHY DOES MARION KEEP INTERFERING IN MY ROMANCES.. CAN'T SHE LEAVE JUST ONE ALONE..?



PERHAPS IT ISN'T HER FAULT, BOYS JUST SEEM ATTRACTED TO HER! I CAN'T BLAME MARION FOR BEING POPULAR.. IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR! W-WE MUSTN'T HAVE A SCENE!



BE RIGHT THERE, TOM! SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU WAITING..

H-HUH? OH.. THAT'S OKAY, MARY..



WHEN I ENTERED THE LIVING ROOM TOM LOOKED LIKE THE CAT THAT SWALLOWED THE CANARY--- BUT TO MARION IT WAS JUST ANOTHER CONQUEST!

GOOD EVENING, TOM!

HI, MARY!

SAY.. I THINK I'LL LEAVE YOU LOVE BIRDS ALONE! YOU'VE GOT A GOOD MAN THERE, MARY.. TAKE IT FROM ME!



BUT.. JOHNNY WAS TO PICK YOU UP HERE, MARION! WHAT WILL I TELL HIM IF YOU LEAVE?

I DON'T KNOW.. SAY ANYTHING THAT COMES INTO YOUR MIND, MARY! I CAN'T BE BOTHERED WITH THAT DRIP WHEN A SOCIALITE LIKE JAMES MALCOM WANTS TO TAKE ME SLUMMING! BYE, BYE..



LOVE CONFESSIONS

ONCE AGAIN I WAS PLACED IN THE EMBARRASSING POSITION OF LYING TO ONE OF MARION'S BOY FRIENDS! I DIDN'T LIKE THE IDEA... BUT WHAT WAS I TO DO?

I'M SORRY, JOHNNY... BUT THERE WAS A PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT SHED COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT! PERHAPS NEXT WEEK!



GOSH, MARION PROMISED ME! I... CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! WELL, GUESS THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT NOW! GOOD NIGHT, MARY...



I THINK YOU'D BETTER GO ALONG WITH JOHNNY TOM! I'VE A TERRIBLE HEAD-ACHE... I'M SURE I'D BE BAD COMPANY!



ALL RIGHT, MARY... IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT, I'LL CALL YOU IN A FEW DAYS!



PRIDE KEPT ME FROM GOING OUT WITH TOM THAT EVENING! NO GIRL ENJOYS BEING MADE A FOOL OF!

MARION HAS SO MANY BOY FRIENDS... IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT THAT I SHOULD BE DEPRIVED OF ONE! I'M SURE SHE DOESN'T REALIZE WHAT SHE'S DOING TO ME... I MUST BE PATIENT!



IT WAS NEARLY A WEEK LATER WHEN MARION ASKED ME TO GO WITH HER WHILE SHE BOUGHT AN EXPENSIVE BRACELET...

PERHAPS YOU HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN MIND, MISS SIMMS? THEY'RE THE VERY LATEST STYLE!



THEY ARE EXQUISITE... BUT I WAS THINKING OF SOMETHING SIMPLER! LIKE THOSE... IN THAT CASE,...



YOU HAVE EXCELLENT TASTE, MISS SIMMS... THESE ARE OUR MOST EXPENSIVE!



OH, DEAR... I DIDN'T WANT TO GO TOO HIGH! MAY I SEE THOSE PLEASE?



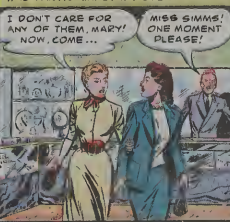
NOW THIS PIECE HERE IS MAGNIFICENT... ONLY \$150!



GRACIOUS! THAT MORE THAN I COULD MANAGE! PERHAPS I'D BETTER SAVE A LITTLE BUT, MORE AND COME BACK LATER! LET'S GO, MARY!

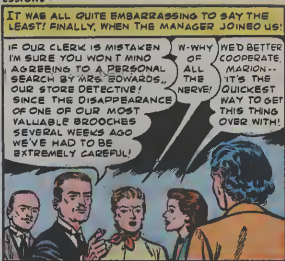
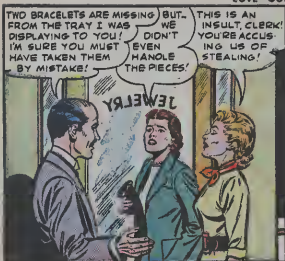


MARION WAS ALWAYS HAVING A SUDDEN CHANGE OF MIND... AND THIS TIME SHE WAS PARTICULARLY INSISTENT...

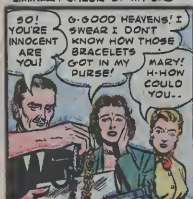


I DON'T CARE FOR ANY OF THEM, MARY! NOW, COME...

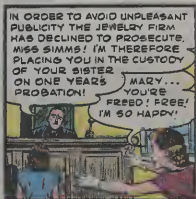
MISS SIMMS! ONE MOMENT PLEASE!



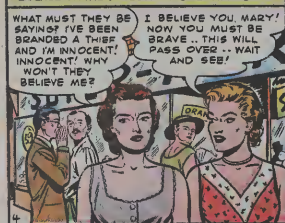
BUT MARION AND I WERE NEVER SUBJECTED TO A THOROUGH SEARCH! AND AS THE STORE DETECTIVE MADE A PRELIMINARY CHECK OF MY BAG--



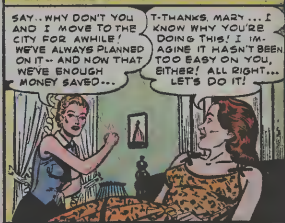
TEN DAYS LATER I STOOD IN COURT TO RECEIVE SENTENCE LIKE A COMMON THIEF! I DON'T KNOW HOW I COULD HAVE MANAGED IF MARION HADN'T BEEN SO LOYAL...



YES, I WAS FREE! BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP THE WHISPERINGS THE STARES THAT I WAS TO EXPERIENCE ON THE STREETS OF BRENTWOOD--



BUT THINGS GREW STEADILY WORSE! EVEN MARION COULD FEEL IT-- FOR ONE DAY, NEARLY A WEEK LATER--



LOVE CONFESSIONS

AND SO WE LEFT BRENTWOOD AND THE PEOPLE WE HAD KNOWN ALL OUR LIVES! BUT IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE MARION WAS STRIKING UP NEW ACQUAINTANCES...

I'LL BE LOCATED IN THE CITY PERMANENTLY NOW THAT THE OFFICE HAS TRANSFERRED ME! PERHAPS WE CAN GET TOGETHER FOR DINNER SOMETIME, MARION!

I'D LOVE TO, FRED! I LIVE AT THE WINTHROP HOTEL!



DURING OUR FIRST WEEK IN THE CITY MARION WAS IN THE CONSTANT COMPANY OF FRED JENSEN! PROBATION REGULATIONS KEPT ME FROM JOINING THEM... I HAD TO BE HOME BY 11 P.M.

YOU'RE SURE YOU WON'T JOIN US, MARY?

NO, THANKS, FRED! YOU TWO WILL BE OUT TILL ALL HOURS OF THE MORNING AND I... NEED MY SLEEP!

GOOD NIGHT DEAR! SLEEP TIGHT!



FOR A TIME I THOUGHT FRED MIGHT BE THE MAN FOR MARION! BUT AS SHE MET OTHER MEN SHE SAW LESS AND LESS OF HIM..

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, MARION.. YOU KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN!



THAT'S ONE SUBJECT I STUDIED UP ON, FRANK!



OH, BLACK AL HAS WON! HE'S WON!



YOU'RE MY LUCKY CHARM, HONEY!



IT WAS ONE WEEK LATER WHEN MARION AND I HAD A BITTER ARGUMENT...

BUT YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO FRED-- HE'S NOT LIKE THE OTHER BOYS YOU'VE KNOWN! I BELIEVE HE'S SINCERELY IN LOVE WITH YOU, MARION!



IF THAT'S TRUE HE WON'T MIND BEING STOOD UP FOR ONE EVENING! I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME TO GO OUT WITH NILES-- HE'S ONE OF THE PEOPLE!



I WAS ASHAMED AT THE STORY I TOLD FRED-- BUT I HATED SO TO HURT HIS FEELINGS...

ODD.. MARION DIDN'T MENTION GOING OUT OF TOWN FOR THE EVENING! LOOKS LIKE I'M STUCK FOR A DATE! SAY.. MIND IF I HANG AROUND AND WATCH TV WITH YOU, MARY?



LOVE CONFESSIONS

I GOT TO KNOW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT FRED AS WE SAT THERE BEFORE THE TV SET CHATTING ...

MY... YOU'VE CERTAINLY WORKED HARD TO GET AHEAD, FRED! YES... I'M AFRAID A LITTLE TOO HARD TODAY! GOSH I'M KNOCKED OUT



THEN FRED DOZED OFF AND THE STRANGEST FEELING CAME OVER ME AS HE RESTED HIS HEAD ON MY SHOULDER ...

FRED'S SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON - KIND, CONSIDERATE, AND QUITE HANDSOME! HE'LL MAKE SOMEONE A FINE HUSBAND..



I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME IN THAT BRIEF MOMENT ... BUT SUDDENLY I WAS DRAWN TO FRED LIKE NOTHING I'D EVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE ...



WHAT AM I DOING ... FRED IS MARION'S MAN .. NOT MINE! I-I HAVE NO RIGHT TO -- FALL IN LOVE! I MUST GET A GRIP ON MYSELF ...



I AWOKE FRED WHEN IT GOT LATE .. CONTROLLING MY TRUE EMOTIONS AS BEST I COULD ...

GEE.. SORRY TO BE SUCH A POOR GUEST, MARY! GOOD NIGHT ... AND THANKS FOR THE FREE ENTERTAINMENT!



I FOUGHT DESPERATELY TO KEEP FRED FROM MY THOUGHTS DURING THOSE NEXT FEW WEEKS -- BUT MARION'S CONSISTENT DATE-BREAKING MADE THAT IMPOSSIBLE!



I-I CAN'T BEAR THIS MUCH LONGER -- HAVING FRED HOLD ME IN HIS ARMS .. WHEN I KNOW HE ISN'T MINE!



NEXT DAY, I WAS ABOUT TO TELL MARION MY TRUE FEELINGS WHEN - - -

MARY, DEAR - I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME I SETTLED DOWN AND FOUND MYSELF A HUSBAND! SOMEONE WITH MONEY... WHO CAN BUY ME THINGS!

BUT... FRED ISN'T WEALTHY, MARION!



WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT FRED JENSEN? HE'D DO IN A PINCH - - BUT THERE ARE BIGGER PEBBLES ON THE BEACH!

O-OH COURSE... MARION!

SHE DOESN'T LOVE HIM AFTER ALL! THEN... I'M FREE TO LOVE FRED - IF HE'LL ONLY HAVE ME...



BUT I DIDN'T HAVE TO CONFESS MY LOVE FOR FRED - FOR THAT VERY EVENING - - -

MARION CAN'T SEE YOU TO NIGHT EITHER, FRED! I - I FEEL THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU...

I'M SURE I CAN GUESS - MARON'S BEEN STANDING ME UP THESE PAST FEW WEEKS, HASN'T SHE! BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, MARY... IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER TO ME...



YOU SEE... IT'S YOU I'M REALLY IN LOVE WITH! I HAVE BEEN SINCE THAT EVENING WE WATCHED TV TOGETHER! I - I WASN'T ACTUALLY ASLEEP WHEN YOU KISSED ME!

THEN... YOU'VE KNOWN ALL ALONG - AND YOU SAID NOTHING! OH, FRED, DEAREST... WE CAME SO VERY CLOSE TO PASSING ONE ANOTHER BY...



FRED TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS AND ALL SEEMED RIGHT WITH THE WORLD! I HAD FOUND THE MAN I LOVED AT LAST...



BUT WHEN MARION RETURNED MY NEW FOUND HAPPINESS WAS TO SOON BE SHATTERED - -

M. MARION! THE FOOLS! FRANK SHIED AWAY FROM PROPOSING WHEN I HINTED ABOUT IT! SO I BROKE MY DATE AND WENT OUT WITH BILL - BUT HE DID THE SAME THING!

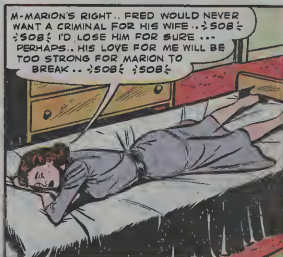
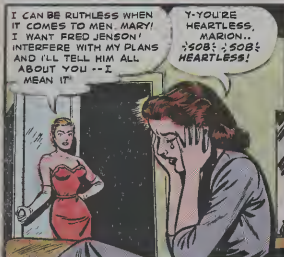
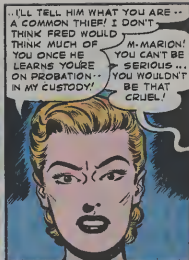


NEVER YOU MIND, MARION - YOU'LL FIND SOMEONE SOON! JUST WAIT AND SEE...

BUT I WANT SOMEONE NOW! THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO'LL SNAP AT THE CHANCE TO MARRY ME - FRED JENSEN! I SUPPOSE HE'S AS GOOD AS ANYONE WHEN YOU COME RIGHT DOWN TO IT -

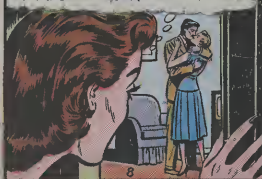


LOVE CONFESSIONS



BUT AS MARION CAST A MATRIMONIAL EYE AT FRED IT SOON BECAME APPARENT THAT MY HOPES WERE SHATTERED...

SHE HOLDS A SPELL OVER FRED... JUST LIKE SHE DID ALL THE OTHERS! NO MAN CAN RESIST HER... ♫SOB: NOT EVEN FRED.



LOVE CONFESSIONS

AND THEN ONE EVENING AS FRED WAS AWAITING MARION I DECIDED TO TELL ALL... REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES...

FRED, THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU! IT MAY HURT YOU... BUT I THINK IT'S BETTER YOU KNOW THE TRUTH!

YES... MARY! WHAT IS IT?



MARION ISN'T IN LOVE WITH YOU-- SHE NEVER HAS BEEN! SHE'S AFTER YOU BECAUSE SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HUSBAND-- AND SHE THINKS YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FOOL ENOUGH TO MARRY HER!

YOU DON'T SAY..



SUDDENLY...

IT'S A LIE! YOU WOULDN'T TAKE THE WORD OF A COMMON CRIMINAL OVER MINE WOULD YOU, FRED? THAT'S ALL SHE IS -- A LITTLE THIEF WHO'S SERVING OUT A SUSPENDED SENTENCE IN MY CUSTODY!

ALL RIGHT! IT'S TRUE, FRED-- I WAS CONVICTED OF THEFT! BUT I'M STILL TELLING YOU THE TRUTH! I-- I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH TO HAVE YOU THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY...



THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR-- LOOKS LIKE OUR ROMANCE HAS COME TO AN ABRUPT END, MARION! AND YOU CAN STOP ACCUSING YOUR SISTER OF THEFT!

FRED..WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?



THIS SWEET SISTER OF YOURS IS THE THIEF IN THE FAMILY, MARY! SHE STOLE THIS VALUABLE BROOCH FROM THE JEWELRY STORE WEEKS BEFORE YOU WENT THERE WITH HER! THEN SHE RETURNED FOR ANOTHER JOB WITH YOU!

W-WHAT?



..BUT WHEN THE THEFT WAS DISCOVERED SHE PLANTED THE STOLEN BRACELETS IN YOUR PURSE AND LET YOU TAKE THE RAP! AFTER THAT OCCURRED MY INSURANCE COMPANY FIGURED PERHAPS ONE OF YOU STOLE THE BROOCH--IT WAS MY JOB TO FIND OUT!

MARION! COME BACK --AND TAKE YOUR PUNISHMENT!



LET HER GO --THE INSURANCE COMPANY IS ONLY INTERESTED IN LOCATING THE BROOCH! SAY -- I'M A LITTLE UPSET OVER YOU-- YOU ACTUALLY THOUGHT I'D FALLEN OUT OF LOVE WITH YOU TO GO BACK TO MARION! SILLY KID...

OH, FRED..I WAS HOPING YOU'D SAY THAT! I--I WAS AFRAID THAT FALLING IN LOVE WITH ME WAS PART OF YOUR PLAN --BUT I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

I Was A Snob

YOU CAN BOTH RAVE ALL YOU WANT TO ABOUT WANDA GARRETT! I HAPPEN TO KNOW SHE'S A CHEAP LITTLE HUSSY!

WE'VE BOTH HEARD ALL WE CARE TO HEAR, NINA! I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR BROTHER, BUT I'M THROUGH WITH YOU!



MY YOUNGER BROTHER DON AND I HAD LIVED TOGETHER SINCE OUR PARENTS DIED! SOMEHOW I FELT RESPONSIBLE FOR DON, AND WHEN HE TOLD ME ABOUT WANDA GARRETT, I WAS TERRIBLY UPSET!

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT AGAINST HER, NINA? YOU HAVEN'T EVEN MET THE GIRL!

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH ABOUT WANDA GARRETT SO THAT I DON'T WANT TO MEET HER.



OH, DON, HOW COULD YOU START DATING A GIRL WITH HER REPUTATION? MY OWN BROTHER GOING AROUND WITH THE TOWN'S "FAST NUMBER"

I TOLD YOU THAT'S A

LOT OF NASTY GOSSIP! IF YOU WANT TO BELIEVE A LOT OF LIES, GO AHEAD! BUT I'M NOT GOING TO STOP SEEING WANDA! IT HAPPENS THAT I'M IN LOVE WITH HER!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

DON'S JUST INFATUATED WITH THIS GIRL, BUT HE COULD RUIN HIS LIFE BY ASKING HER TO MARRY HIM! I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HER... PROVE TO DON THAT SHE'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM!



MY PLAN TO SAVE DON FROM WANDA WAS FORGOTTEN TEMPORARILY AS THE PHONE RANG!

A PARTY? BUT, ANN, I'M A FRIGHT! I'D BE AN HOUR GETTING READY! HOW COME YOU DIDN'T CALL ME SOONER?

SPUR OF THE MOMENT PARTIES ARE MORE FUN, NINA! HURRY OVER!



SO THAT EVENING, UNEXPECTEDLY AND EXCITINGLY, I FOUND MYSELF DANCING WITH A MAN WHO WAS TO CHANGE MY ENTIRE LIFE... A MAN WHOSE VERY GLANCE SENT A STRANGE THRILL COURSE THROUGH ME!

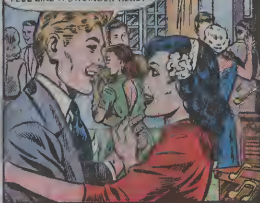
WALLY'S BEEN LOOKING FOR SOMEBODY WHO KNOWS HOW TO SAMBA, GLAD YOU GOT HERE NINA!

I'M GLAD, TOO -- NINA!



ER -- I DON'T THINK ANN'S EVEN MENTIONED YOU TO ME BEFORE! ARE YOU AN OLD FRIEND?

BRAND NEW! WE WORK IN THE SAME OFFICE! BUT I DON'T FEEL LIKE A STRANGER HERE!



AS A MATTER OF FACT, I FEEL AS THOUGH I'VE KNOWN YOU FOR YEARS!

YOU'LL HAVE TO IMPROVE ON THAT OLD LINE, WALLY! I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE.



YES, BUT HAVE YOU EVER LOOKED AT SOMEONE THIS WAY AND KNOWN THAT IT WASN'T A LINE? THAT IT'S TRUE!

NO, I... I NEVER FELT QUITE THIS WAY BEFORE!

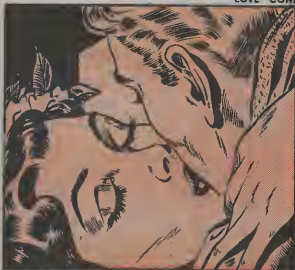


IT WAS FANTASTIC, WALLY'S ATTRACTION FOR ME WAS LIKE THAT OF A MAGNET! AND WHEN HE DROVE ME HOME LATER, IT SEEMED INEVITABLE THAT OUR LIPS WOULD MEET...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME, NINA! IT'S NOT RIGHT, BUT I'VE GOT TO HOLD YOU CLOSE!

I WANT YOU TO, WALLY!





GOOD NIGHT, NINA! I'LL PHONE YOU TOMORROW AND WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN SOON!

I'LL BE TERRIBLY DISAPPOINTED IF WE DON'T! GOOD NIGHT, WALLY!

MY HAND TREMBLED AS I UNLOCKED THE DOOR! CRAZY AS IT MIGHT SEEM I WAS IN LOVE! IT WASN'T UNTIL I HAD CLOSED THE DOOR BEHIND ME THAT I REALIZED I MIGHT NEVER SEE WALLY AGAIN!

I LET HIM KISS ME, AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW HIS LAST NAME! I'VE FALLEN FOR A COMPLETE STRANGER!



BUT THE NEXT DAY, AT THE OFFICE...

OH, WALLY, I WAS SO AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T CALL!

WILD HORSES COULDN'T HAVE STOPPED ME, NINA. SUPPOSE I STOP FOR YOU AT SEVEN TONIGHT?



WALLY DIDN'T FORGET! HE MEANT ALL THOSE THINGS HE SAID, AND I'M GOING TO SEE HIM TONIGHT!



I WAS SO THRILLED ABOUT MY DATE THAT I WOULD HAVE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT MY ARGUMENT WITH DON! BUT AS I RODE HOME FROM THE OFFICE...

DID YOU HEAR THE LATEST ABOUT WANDA GARRETT? JANE SAID SHE WAS FIRED FROM HER LAST JOB BECAUSE SHE WAS SLIPPING OUT WITH ONE OF THE BOSSES.

I HEARD ABOUT IT! A MARRIED MAN, I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW!



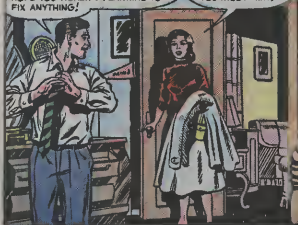
EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT THAT GIRL! DON'S JUST GOT TO STOP SEEING HER! MAYBE I CAN CONVINCE HIM TONIGHT, BEFORE WALLY COMES FOR ME!



AS SOON AS I GOT HOME!

HI, SIS! I'M GOING OUT TO DINNER--
HOPE YOU WEREN'T PLANNING TO
FIX ANYTHING!

NOPE! I'VE GOT A
DATE AT SEVEN!
CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE
YOU MEET HIM!



SORRY, I'M PICKING WANDA UP IN
HALF AN HOUR! I'LL HAVE TO MEET
YOUR BIG MOMENT SOME OTHER
NIGHT!

DON, YOU CAN'T
GO OUT WITH
THAT GIRL!

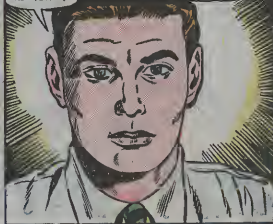


I WISH YOU'D HEARD THE CONVERSATION
I LISTENED TO ON THE WAY HOME TONIGHT!
WHY, SHE'S NOTHING BUT A CHEAP LITTLE
TRAMP!

THAT'S
ENOUGH,
NINA!



I'VE ALWAYS APPRECIATED YOUR INTEREST IN ME!
BUT I HOPED THAT WHEN I FELL IN LOVE YOU'D TAKE
THE TROUBLE TO MEET THE GIRL BEFORE YOU TORE
HER APART!



I TOLD YOU I'M CRAZY ABOUT
WANDA! IF YOU'D RATHER GET YOUR
INTRODUCTION TO HER
FROM GOSSIPING HYENAS
THAN FROM ME, GO
AHEAD!

DON,
LISTEN
TO REASON!



I'VE HEARD ALL I WANT
TO HEAR FROM YOU,
NINA! I'M GETTING
OUT OF HERE FOR
GOOD!

BUT, DON,
THAT'S
RIDICULOUS!
SHE CAN'T BE
THAT IMPORTANT!



I'M GOING TO MARRY HER.
THAT'S HOW IMPORTANT
SHE IS. GO AHEAD AND
TELL THAT TO YOUR
PRECIOUS SCANDAL-
MONGERS!

PLEASE
DON'T
GO, DON!
DON,
WAIT!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

HE'S ANGRY ENOUGH TO MARRY THAT GIRL OUT OF SPITE! I ONLY HOPE HE CALMS DOWN AND COMES HOME SO THAT I CAN REASON WITH HIM!



MOMENTS AFTERWARD...

I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND STAYING HERE FOR THE EVENING, WALLY! MY BROTHER'S UPSET ME SO THAT I'M IN NO MOOD TO GO OUT!



WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, NINA?

OH, HE'S GOTTEN HIMSELF MIXED UP WITH SOME NO-GOOD FEMALE! MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD OF WANDA GARRETT!

YES... YES, I HAVE! SHE'S MY KID SISTER!



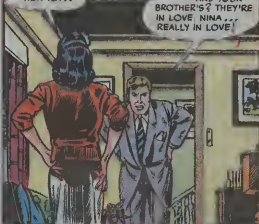
YOUR--OH, NO!"

WALLY GARRETT, DIDN'T YOU REMEMBER THE NAME? I DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL THIS EVENING THAT WANDA'S PLANNING TO MARRY YOUR BROTHER!



BUT I WON'T LET DON MARRY HER! MAYBE SHE'S YOUR SISTER WALLY, BUT I'VE HEARD ENOUGH ABOUT HER TO...

TO WHAT? SPOIL HER HAPPINESS AND YOUR BROTHER'S? THEY'RE IN LOVE, NINA... REALLY IN LOVE!



I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR DEFENDING YOUR SISTER, BUT YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT HER REPUTATION!

I KNOW SHE'S A WONDERFUL KID AND IF YOU BELIEVE OTHERWISE YOU'RE EITHER VERY NAÏVE OR VERY VICIOUS!



IN EITHER CASE, DON'T EXPECT ANY COOPERATION FROM ME IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO COME BETWEEN DON AND MY SISTER.

I'M NOT ASKING ANYTHING FROM YOU EXCEPT THAT YOU LEAVE US ALONE! BOTH OF YOU!

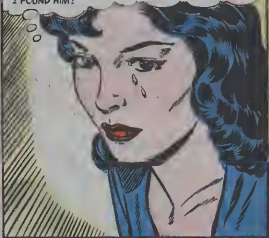


FIRST DON AND NOW WALLY! BOTH HAD WALKED OUT IN DISGUST BECAUSE OF MY ATTITUDE TOWARD WANDA! MY BROTHER CAME BACK THAT NIGHT, BUT ONLY TO PICK UP HIS BELONGINGS! I WAS ALONE... HEART-BREAKINGLY ALONE!

WHAT IF THE RUMORS ABOUT WANDA AREN'T TRUE? DON AND WALLY ARE BOTH DECENT MEN! THEY WOULDN'T HAVE STOOD UP TO DEFEND ANY CHEAP FLIRT!



MAYBE THIS IS THE WAY I'LL PAY FOR TRYING TO RUIN DON'S ROMANCE! I'VE LOST WALLY AS SUDDENLY AS I FOUND HIM!



I'LL NEVER FORGET THE BITTER, LONELY WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED! AND I'LL NEVER FORGET THE STRUGGLE WITH WHICH I SWALLOWED MY PRIDE WHEN THE INVITATION CAME -- TO DON'S WEDDING!

NINA! GOSH, SIS, I WAS SO AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T COME! WANDA AND I HAVE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT IT FOR WEEKS!

I--I DIDN'T WANT TO COME, DON! I'VE MADE SUCH A MESS OF THINGS!



AND DO YOU MEAN THAT WANDA REALLY CARED WHETHER I CAME TO YOUR WEDDING OR NOT? AFTER ALL THE THINGS I'VE SAID ABOUT HER?

OF COURSE I CARED, NINA! I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU AND DON MEAN TO EACH OTHER!



LATER... OH, DON, WANDA'S THE SWEETEST

GIRL IN THE WORLD! NO WONDER YOU AND WALLY WERE SO DISGUSTED WITH ME!

OFF HAND, I WOULDN'T SAY WALLY LOOKS TOO ANNOYED! THAT'S A LOVE-SICK EXPRESSION IF I EVER SAW ONE!

I...OWE YOU A BIG APOLOGY, TOO, WALLY! I JUMPED TO A LOT OF UNFAIR CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE GARRETT FAMILY!

WE AREN'T GOING TO WASTE TIME WITH APOLOGIES, ARE WE, NINA? NOT WHEN WE CAN PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF!



THEY TELL ME IT WAS A LOVELY WEDDING RECEPTION! I WOULDN'T KNOW, FOR WALLY AND I HAD FOUND A QUIET CORNER WHERE WE COULD DREAM ABOUT ANOTHER WEDDING-- NOT TOO FAR AWAY!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

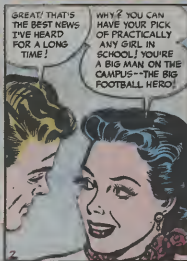
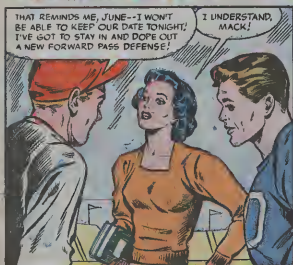
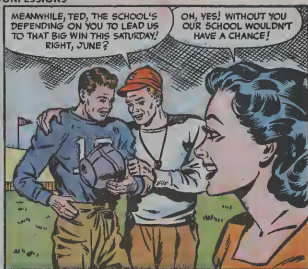
HE WAS THE SCHOOL FOOTBALL HERO... THE CAMPUS GOLDEN BOY-- BUT THERE WAS A STAIN ON THE GOLD-- A DARK STAIN WELLING UP FROM THE BLACK CYNICISM WITHIN HIM! THE FOOTBALL HERO WAS GOING TO THROW OUR BIG GAME-- FOR A GAMBLER'S MOHEY! THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE THE SCHOOL GAME-- AND SAVE HIM FROM JAIL! SO I DID IT WITH...

Bribed Kisses



IT WAS A CRISP AUTUMN AFTERNOON AS I CROSSED THE STADIUM FIELD TO KEEP A DATE WITH MACK ROGERS, THE YOUNG FOOTBALL COACH... WHEN SUDDENLY SOMEONE HURLED AT ME!





LOVE CONFESSIONS

IT WAS THEN THAT I GOT MY FIRST GLIMPSE OF THE BITTERNESS TED CARRIED BOTTLED UP WITHIN HIM...

SURE I'M THE BIG HERO NOW, BUT WHEN THE FOOTBALL SEASON IS OVER THEY'LL START FAWNIN' OVER THE TRACK STARS, THE BASKETBALL STARS, THEIR ADMIRATION IS ONLY SEASONAL!

TED, DON'T BE SO CYNICAL!

IT'S THE TRUTH, AND YOU KNOW IT! WOULD YOU BE GOING OUT WITH ME IF I WASN'T THE FOOTBALL HERO? WOULD YOU BE GOING OUT WITH ME IN THE SUMMER, WHEN I'M JUST A NOBODY--- A SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT WITHOUT A CENT TO HIS NAME?

TED...

I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING! WHEN I GRADUATE I WON'T BE BROKE--NOT ME! I'M NOT GOING TO BE A SUCKER! I'LL HAVE MONEY--THEN I WON'T BE AFRAID TO DATE A LOVELY, WONDERFUL GIRL LIKE YOU!

SUDDENLY, HIS ARMS CRUSHED ME TO HIM ROUGHLY! HIS LIPS WERE HARD AS HE KISSED ME WITH THE BITTER LONGING OF STIFLED DESIRE...

JUNE...I--I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU!

FOR A MOMENT OF GIDDY, SHATTERING ABANDON I CLUNG TO HIM, AND THEN I STRUGGLED FOR COMPOSURE...

I'VE SEEN YOU AROUND THE CAMPUS -- BUT I NEVER HAD THE NERVE TO DATE YOU! GOING OUT WITH YOU TONIGHT WAS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE.

PLEASE, TED-- I THINK I'D BETTER GO HOME NOW!

SORRY, JUNE! I DIDN'T MEAN TO STEP OUT OF LINE! PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY WITH ME!

I'M JUST DISTURBED, THAT'S ALL! A GIRL LIKES TO BE WARNED WHEN SHE'S GOING TO BE KISSED!

LATER, AT HOME I WAS VERY REST-LESS! MY LIPS SEEMED TO BURN AT THE MEMORY OF TED'S KISS AND I WAS STILL TREMBLING FROM HIS ARDENT EMBRACE!

WHAT A STRANGE YOUNG MAN! I'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED ANY-ONE LIKE HIM BEFORE!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

The FOLLOWING NIGHT AFTER VISITING A CLOTH SHOP IN THE TENEMENT SECTION OF TOWN, THE WIND WAS HARSHLY COLD AND AS I STEPPED IN AN ALLEY TO WARM UP FOR A MOMENT...



REMEMBER, KID-- DON'T CROSS ME! WHEN I PAY FOR SOMETHING I EXPECT DELIVERY! UNDERSTAND?

DON'T WORRY! I WANT THIS TO WORK OUT RIGHT JUST AS MUCH AS YOU DO! 'NIGHT!



TED!

JUNE! WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I RECOGNIZED THAT MAN! HE'S ACE BLEDSOE--THE GAMBLER INVOLVED IN THAT BASKETBALL FIX! SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO HAVE MONEY! YOU'RE GOING TO THROW THE BIG GAME ON SATURDAY!



OH, TED... TED... HOW COULD YOU LET EVERYONE DOWN?

BECAUSE EVERYONE WILL LET ME DOWN EVENTUALLY! WHEN I FINISH SCHOOL I'LL JUST BE ANOTHER EX-FOOTBALL STAR--JUST ANOTHER GUY LOOKING FOR A JOB.



FOOTBALL STARS COME AND GO! AND WHILE I'M POUNDING DOORS FOR A JOE, THE BIG SHOT ALUMNI WILL BE STALLING ME OFF, SO THEY CAN SLAP THE BACK OF THEIR SCHOOL'S NEW GOLDEN BOY!

OH, TED, TAKING MONEY LIKE THIS IS THE SAME AS STEALING!

WELL, ARE YOU GOING TO TELL MACK--AND HAVE HIM YANK ME FROM THE GAME?

WITHOUT TED PLAYING, OUR TEAM DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE TO WIN! WHAT CAN I DO TO KEEP TED HONEST--AND ON THE TEAM?



LOVE CONFESSIONS

THEN I REMEMBERED TED'S LONGING FOR ME, AND I MADE MY DECISION...AND DESPISED MYSELF FOR IT AFTERWARD!

OH, TED! STAY HONEST—FOR MY SAKE! OH, D-DARLING, DO YOU THINK I COULD EVER MARRY A THIEF?

JUNE! DO YOU MEAN YOU...? OH, JUNE, HONEY!



OH, JUNE, I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS POSSIBLE YOU'D LOVE ME, TOO!

AM I DOING THE RIGHT THING... LYING TO HIM THIS WAY?

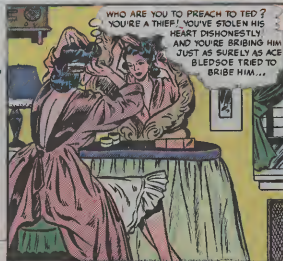


OKAY, HONEY—YOU'RE THE BOSS NOW! WE'RE GOING TO WIN THAT GAME ON SATURDAY! I'LL PLAY MY HEART OUT FOR YOU! THAT'S A PROMISE!

OH! TED... :SOB:...TED...



THAT NIGHT MY TORTURED CONSCIENCE WOULD NOT LET ME SLEEP! THE MIRROR WAS A MOCKERY OF MY FACE!



WHO ARE YOU TO PREACH TO TED? YOU'RE A THIEF! YOU'VE STOLEN HIS HEART DISHONESTLY! AND YOU'RE BRIBING HIM JUST AS SURELY AS ACE BLEDSEAE TRIED TO BRIBE HIM...

ONLY YOU'RE BRIBING HIM WITH KISSES... THE PROMISE OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE! :SOB: THIEF... YOU THIEF! :SOB:



BUT I PLAYED MY PART AND TED WAS RADIANTLY HAPPY AS HE TALKED ABOUT THE FUTURE THAT INCLUDED ME...

IF I CAN GET A GOOD JOB AFTER GRADUATION WE'LL PUT A DOWN PAYMENT ON A HOUSE AND... HEY, HONEY! YOU'RE CRYING!

OH... :SOB:... ONLY BECAUSE I'M SO HAPPY! :SOB:



AND THEN, THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED... ON THE NIGHT BEFORE THE GAME, WHILE WAITING FOR TED, I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL...

HEY, JUNE, HOW COME YOU'VE BEEN STALLING ME FOR A WEEK? HOW ABOUT MY COMING OVER TONIGHT AND TAKING YOU OUT?

NO! DON'T DO THAT! I—I CAN'T GO OUT WITH YOU—AT LEAST NOT TILL AFTER SATURDAY!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

MACK STARTED TO PROTEST, BUT I HAD TO BE FIRM WITH HIM...

I'M SORRY, MACK! PLEASE BE PATIENT UNTIL AFTER SATURDAY! THEN I'LL BE FREE AGAIN! GOOD BYE!



SUDDENLY I REALIZED MY FRONT DOOR HAD OPENED--AND A GRIM FIGURE LOOMED THERE!

TED!

THEN YOU'LL BE FREE AGAIN! I THINK I GET THE PICTURE NOW! BY THAT TIME YOU'LL HAVE MADE SURE I'VE WON THE FOOTBALL GAME...



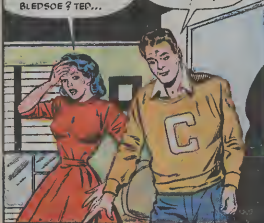
...AND THEN YOU'LL GIVE ME THE GATE! AND YOU ACCUSED ME OF TWO-TIMING THE SCHOOL! HOW ABOUT YOU? YOU'RE AS MUCH A TWO-TIMER!

PLEASE, TED...



TED WAIT... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? YOU'RE NOT GOING BACK TO ACE BLEDSEE? TED...

STILL WORRIED I'LL THROW THE SCHOOL GAME, EH?



I MADE YOU A PROMISE! I SAID I'D PLAY MY HEART OUT FOR YOU--AND I WILL! BUT IT'LL BE A LITTLE HARD--SINCE YOU'VE BROKEN MY HEART ALREADY!

?SOB? OH, TED... TED...



THE DOOR CLOSED, SHUTTING IN THE MISERY, THE SHAME! I CRIED--CRIED BECAUSE I'D SUDDENLY LEARNED THE TRUTH ABOUT MYSELF-- TOO LATE!

I'VE SAVED THE GAME-- BUT AT WHAT A PRICE? I'VE EARNED THE SCORN OF SOMEONE I WANT TO LOVE ME!



I WAS A BLIND FOOL NOT TO REALIZE IT BEFORE! I'M IN LOVE WITH TED-- AND NOW I'VE LOST HIM FOREVER!

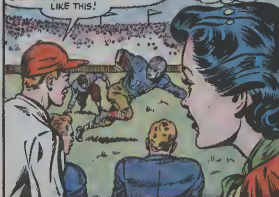
?SOB?



SATURDAY CAME -- AND THE BIG GAME! TED PLAYED LIKE A DEMON, SLASHING SAVAGELY THROUGH THE RIVAL LINE WITH-
OUT LETUP!

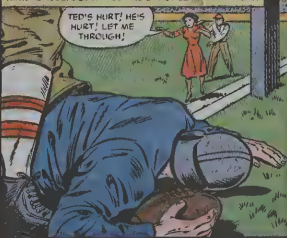
THAT CRAZY GUY! HE WON'T EVEN TAKE TIME OUT FOR A BREATH! I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THIS!

OH, TED... DON'T GET HURT! TED...



THEN, IN THE FINAL QUARTER -- TED RIPPED THROUGH FOR THE WINNING TOUCHDOWN -- BUT HE LAY STILL AFTERWARD...

TED'S HURT! HE'S HURT! LET ME THROUGH!



I KEPT MY PROMISE! I WON THE GAME FOR YOU! NOW GO AWAY -- LET ME ALONE!

OH, TED... DON'T... DON'T!



BUT I HAD NO PRIDE LEFT NOW! I FOLLOWED TED TO THE HOSPITAL...

IT'S A CONCUSSION! HE'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS!

OH... HE LOOKS SO STILL... SO QUIET...



OH, TED... YOU'VE GOT TO BE ALL RIGHT... I LOVE YOU... TED... I LOVE YOU...

YOU REALLY MEAN THAT, JUNE?

OH, YES... YES, DARLING... I DO! PLEASE... YOU MUST GET WELL... YOU MUST!

IF YOU WANT ME TO GET WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO BRIBE ME AGAIN -- WITH A KISS!

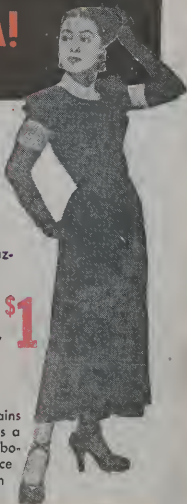
OH, TED... DEAREST!



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RAIN made slithery patterns on the window pane but that didn't keep Peggy Richmond from looking out and watching to see whether or not Billy Hammond was coming up the walk. Her hair was in curlers and she was using a home hair-dryer and occasionally she'd turn it to the window. Finally she made a rush for the bedroom.

"Here he comes, mom," she shouted to her mother. "Talk to him till I get my hair fixed, will you?"

Peggy took a little time to sit before her mirror and see that every precious curl was in place. She couldn't be too particular for Billy. Sure, he'd lived next door to them for a good many years and seen her grow up in pig-tails, curls, and curlers. But tonight everything had to be just right. Billy had just come home from college and, whether he knew it or not, she had been counting the days. He had always been her dream man and she wanted to make a big impression and show him that she had finally grown up.

She could hear her mother and Billy talking as she put on the finishing touches. "Peggy's always been pretty close to me," she heard him say. "And that's why I wanted to see her on my first night home."

"So at last he's recognized me," she smiled, as she dabbed perfume behind her ears. "He doesn't consider me a kid any longer. After all, there's only three years between us."

Peggy took a final look at herself and decided that it was good. Seventeen meant high heels and sheer stockings and a grown-up look. Billy had seen her last in bobby socks and sandal shoes and dungarees. She thought he might be surprised.

As she entered the room, he stared. "Peggy Lyons," he said with a big grin that looked so much like him as a kid, "I can't believe it. You're grown up."

"Sure," answered Peggy. "Did you expect me to stay in pig-tails forever?"

Billy took her arm and said goodbye to her mother and then they went down the walk together. "I wanted you to come with us tonight," he said. "You see, I brought my girl friend home with me from college."

"Your g-girl f-friend?" stammered Peggy. And her heart sank so fast and so hard that she could feel the thud in her stomach.

"But I brought my roommate, too," Billy quickly reassured her, "and he's a great guy. You'll be crazy about him. That's why I wanted you to come along."

So she didn't have a date with Billy at all and the disappointment was almost too much. She swallowed hard to keep back the tears as they turned into his house and entered the living room.

"Peggy," he said as he made the introductions, "this is Gale, my girl friend. And the guy who's standing and staring at you is my roommate, Marty Parker."

Marty was giving her the eye, all right, and she decided to make the most of it. "He's not as handsome as Billy," she thought, "but certainly not bad. Different, in his own way. I'll make the most of it and make Billy be aware of me at least."

Peggy put her best foot forward and made a big impression on Marty. And when they were dancing together and Marty was saying all the nice things he could think of, she saw Billy watching her and she wondered if it made any difference or whether Gale had a grip on him that wouldn't be broken.

"Anyway," she thought, "I'll make Marty like me just for spite! Maybe that's the only way to get attention from Billy."

She got attention, all right, but not the way she had expected. Billy began to show off. He told of his heroism in a college football game. He bragged about his scholastic standing. He told about the girls who had made a big play for him. Gale looked disgusted and Peggy didn't blame her.

Before the evening was over, Billy had become quite a bore. Marty sat back and looked on but finally made a big point of taking Peggy home. At her door he said, "You've always been pretty crazy about Billy, haven't you?"

"Yes," Peggy answered honestly. "I have until now. But no longer."

"I'm sorry," Marty said, as he put his arm around her. "He's okay if you take him that way."

"You're a lot better," whispered Peggy.

"You're perfect," murmured Marty. "Maybe, when you come to college next year, we could have a good time together. What say?"

"I say yes," purred Peggy. "I think you're much nicer than Billy."

In her room alone, she smiled as she thought the whole situation over. "Billy is swell," she mused, "but too sure of himself. Marty is the kind of man any girl would love. I hope he never finds out that I was nice to him in the first place just for spite."

LOVE CONFESSIONS

HE WAS ALL MY ANXIOUS HEART HAD HOPED FOR--TALL, HANDSOME AND QUITE ROMANTIC! YES... MY FUTURE HAPPINESS SEEMED ASSURED! BUT THEN TRAGEDY STRUCK AND I FOUND MYSELF ALONE... REPEATING THE FRIGHTENING QUESTION...

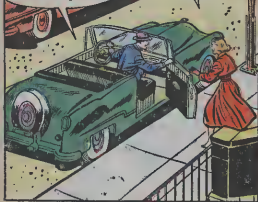
Why Did He Leave Me?



MEL HUTTON WAS MY KIND OF MAN...EVEN THOUGH I'D DATED HIM BUT THREE TIMES I'D FALLEN DESPERATELY IN LOVE WITH HIM...

HOP IN, HONEY... WE'VE GOT A LOT OF GROUND TO COVER! WHERE WILL IT BE TONIGHT--THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!

YOU NAME IT, MEL, DEAR! I DON'T CARE WHERE WE GO... AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU!



MEL WAS THE HAPPY-GO-LUCKY TYPE -- I THINK PERHAPS IT WAS HIS CARE-FREE MANNER THAT COMPLETELY CAPTURED MY HEART...

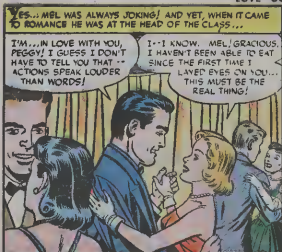
WE WON'T NEED THE CAR UNTIL MIDNIGHT, FRIEND-- WHY DON'T YOU TAKE YOUR GIRL FOR A JAUNT UP THE HUDSON...

AW... CUT IT OUT, MR. HUTTON! YOU KNOW I GOTTA WORK TILL 4 A.M.!

MEL... YOU'RE SUCH A CLOWN...



LOVE CONFESSIONS



THAT EVENING AS MEL BID ME GOOD NIGHT I HAD THE TERRIBLE INTUITION THAT HE WAS SAYING GOODBYE FOREVER! IF IT'D ONLY KNOWN THEN WHAT WAS BEHIND IT ALL I MIGHT HAVE AVOIDED THE FRIGHTENING DAYS AHEAD...



LOVE CONFESSIONS

AFTER A SLEEPLESS NIGHT I DECIDED TO QUESTION MEL AS TO WHAT WAS WEIGHING ON HIS MIND!

HE WAS SUPPOSED TO CALL AT TEN... PERHAPS HE'S OVERSLEPT! THE SUSPENSE IS UNBEARABLE... I MUST SPEAK TO HIM AT ONCE...



IT WAS THEN WHEN I REALIZED THE FIRST GREAT SHOCK--THE FIRST OF MANY THAT WAS TO MAKE MY LIFE A LIVING NIGHTMARE!

MR. HUTTON HAS CHECKED OUT? BUT... DIDN'T HE LEAVE ANY FORWARDING ADDRESS?

I'M SORRY, MISS! MR. HUTTON REQUESTED THAT WE NOT DISCLOSE THAT INFORMATION!



SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED... I JUST KNOW IT! WHY HAS MEL SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED? WHAT COULD BE BEHIND IT ALL? I MUST LOCATE HIM... LET'S SEE... HE SAID HE WAS IN AVIATION...



I WENT DIRECTLY TO CITY AIRPORT! IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO GET A LINE ON MEL... HE WAS WELL KNOWN IN THE BUSINESS...

BUZZ HUTTON! YOU'LL FIND HIM OVER AT EUTOPIA AIRWAYS... HE'S HANDLING A TEST JOB TODAY...

TEST JOB? THANK YOU...

STRANGE... MEL NEVER TOLD ME HE WAS A PILOT...



MOMENTS LATER, I APPROACHED A GROUP ON THE RUNWAY AT EUTOPIA AIRWAYS...

PLEASE, CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE I MIGHT FIND MEL HUTTON?

WHY SURE, MISS...



MEL'S UP THERE! HE'S MAKING A SPEED TEST!

A... A SPEED TEST! MEL'S A... A TEST PILOT!



MISS, IF YOU'RE MEL'S GIRL FRIEND--THERE'S NO CAUSE FOR ALARM!

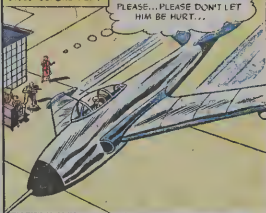
YES, YES, I AM... BUT THAT'S A JET PLANE, ISN'T IT? JUST... WHAT SORT OF A TEST IS IT?



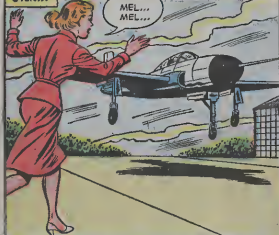
I STOOD TRANSFIXED ON THE AIRPORT APRON! SUDDENLY IT ALL MADE STARTLING, TERRIBLE SENSE TO ME... MEL'S WAS A LIFE OF CONSTANT DANGER -- AND HE HAD FLED TO SAVE ME FROM IT...



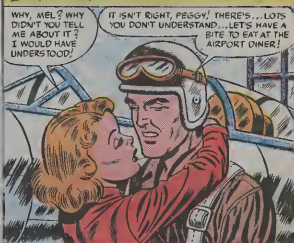
THE SECONDS DRAGGED BY AS MEL'S LIFE DIPPED AND DIVED BEFORE ME...



FINALLY, THE TERRIBLE MOMENTS OF ANGUISH WERE OVER...



THEN, SUDDENLY, HE WAS ONCE AGAIN SAFE IN MY ARMS...



SHORTLY, THE WHOLE FRIGHTENING STORY WAS REVEALED TO ME...

PEGGY THAT NIGHT THE MUSICIAN MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND I WAS SHOCKED... I MUST TELL YOU NOW! SEPTEMBER 10TH IS THE DAY OF MY MOST CRUCIAL TEST... I'M TAKING THE JETBALL-SIX THROUGH THE **SOUND BARRIER!**



THREE PILOTS BEFORE ME HAVE TESTED IT! THEY... FAILED! NOW, NEW DESIGNS HAVE BEEN MADE -- IT'S UP TO ME TO TAKE MY TURN!

OH, MEL, HOW IT MUST HAVE BEEN HURTING YOU -- HOW YOU MUST HAVE DREADED TELLING ME YOUR DANGER!



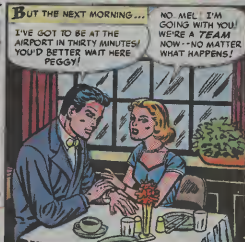
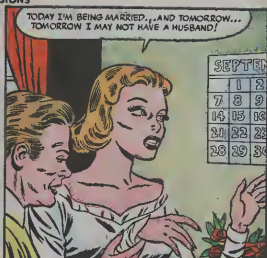
DON'T YOU SEE, DARLING? IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT! WE'LL BE MARRIED NOW... RIGHT AWAY! WE'LL... BRAVE YOUR TEST TOGETHER!

PEGGY, YOU'RE WONDERFUL! PERHAPS I SHOULDN'T ALLOW YOU TO DO THIS... BUT MAYBE IT'S FOR THE BEST... WE'LL BE MARRIED -- AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

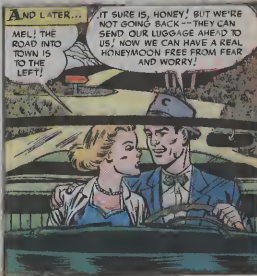
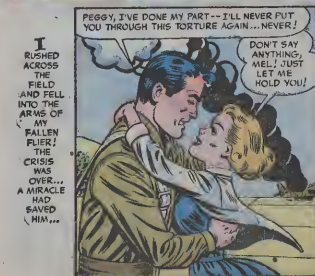
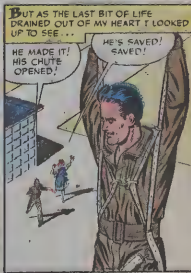
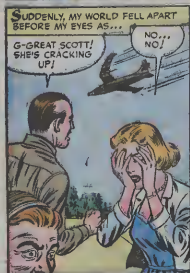
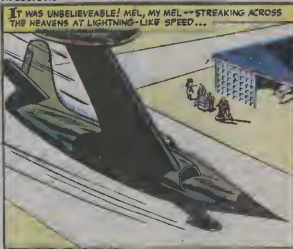
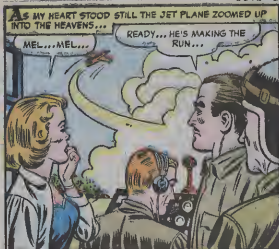


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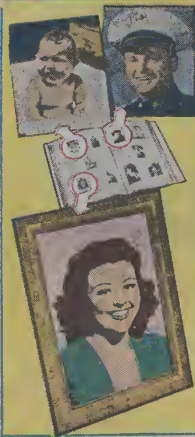
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Here's news of a sensational discovery by a group of doctors, associated with one of New York's leading hospitals. Thousands say it is the "Miracle Way" to lose weight because there are no diets or diets... no dieting... no exercising... no massaging... no drugs. You can still enjoy eating until satisfied, yet lose as much weight as you wish.

Doctors Developed This Formula After More Than 17 Years of Research

The group of doctors who made this sensational discovery, devoted more than 17 years to obesity research work. During all this time they found... as most doctors agree... that the safest and surest way to lose weight is to eat less. But, to most overweight people this means a constant craving for food. And, it is that "hungry feeling" that usually makes them cheat on their diets at mealtimes, or in between meals, with the result that they lose no weight, or gain back whatever weight they may have lost.

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After more than 17 years of tireless research work, this group of doctors finally discovered a formula that satisfies hunger and stops that "hungry feeling." It comes in the form of a tasty wafer and is called MELTABS. By chewing one (or letting it dissolve in your mouth) before eating, it helps to control overeating, and stops that "hungry feeling" in between mealtimes.



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By Frank W. Strong

Today, almost everyone needs extra money. With higher taxes and increased living costs you have to have more and more dollars—just to keep even. There are lots of ways to make extra money—lots of good ones. I don't say my way is the best. But I do say it's one of the easiest and most pleasant. In fact, it even leads to making new friends. And it doesn't call for any house-to-house canvassing, either. Let me explain:

I am the sales manager for a very big company. We make Stainless Steel Cooking Utensils, like those shown in the picture. We do an enormous business with hotels, restaurants, hospitals, and institutions. We also manufacture for the U. S. Army and Navy.

As a result of this enormous production we have very low manufacturing costs. We can sell a set of Stainless Steel Cooking Ware for some use for just about what it costs some companies to buy it! In fact, for many years, we did sell a set of home utensils to one Sales Organization who resold our cookware house-to-house under their own name. They got \$120.00 for the same set that our people sell for just about half of that.

Well, one day I got to figuring. There are five good reasons why Stainless Steel is the kind of cookware that should be in every home. 1. It washes as easy as a drinking glass. No scouring, scraping or scrubbing. 2. It doesn't rust or corrode—and it doesn't stain from vegetables, meat or fruit acids. 3. It doesn't affect the taste of food. 4. The fourth big advantage is that Carlton Ware enables you to prepare food by the method called "waterless cooking" which keeps more of the "natural minerals and vitamins in your food and makes the food taste better. 5. Buy it once and you're all through buying for life.

You can't wear it out. You are Stainless Steel is not a coated or plated metal, like the chromium plate on the bumper of your car. That chromium plate can chip or wear off and expose the raw steel underneath. Then the steel rusts. But our kind of Stainless Steel is stainless all the way through. It

can't chip, crack, peel, or wear off. You could use a set the rest of your lifetime and then give it to your children. They could use it for the rest of their lives and it would still be good for their children.

Well, I figured that if the price was low enough every family could afford Stainless Steel Carlton Ware. So, I worked out this plan! We would sell a complete set of 15 pieces for a low price that would include only a small profit for the company. Then you add your profit and re-sell this set to your friends and neighbors for approximately half of the usual price charged by the house-to-house salesman. You actually save your friend more than half. They are glad to get such a bargain and they feel that you've done them a real favor.

That's because the set they buy has in it only two profits, ours and yours. Both our profit and your profit is reasonable and fair.

Now, that is the thing that makes my plan like an endless chain. When a woman gets her first piece of Carlton Ware she simply raves about it. She gets so thrilled that she can't wait to demonstrate it to her friends and tell them all about it. She's so proud of its silvery sheen and so happy about how easily it washes that she just "bubbles over." So if you start by just letting your own friends in on a good thing, before you know it their friends are calling you up and asking you if you can get the same low prices for them. Then their friends call you and their friends' friends call you. It just goes on and on! To make an extra \$125.00 a month, you only have to deliver seven sets and that's easy. Mrs. Montell in Pennsylvania took orders for \$1400.00 worth in her first month. And Mrs. William Hanchow writes, "Got my set Saturday—I already have 17 customers."

Now, I'll let you in on another part of my plan. My company maintains a beautiful resort in the Florida Keys just so our sales representatives can enjoy a Florida vacation at company expense. If you take only ten set orders a month for six months, we will pay the expense for a Winter vacation in Florida for you and one other member of your family.



These 15 Utensils are all interchangeable. They fit into each other so as to make up 23 different cooking combinations for "Waterless Cooking." They cover 99% of all cooking needs.

I won't make any fancy promises of \$50.00 a day. And I'm not after any of your money. What I can do is show you a simple plan by which you can pick up enough extra money every week to help make up for the money you're losing in higher taxes and higher costs of living. I supply your working outfit free—no charge. Just your name is all I need. Read my proposition. It is honest and down to earth. And it won't cost you anything to try it.

Whether you want to make this extra money now or at some later time, you should at least get all the information right now. I'll not only be glad to send Free Information, I'll also send you a complete demonstrating outfit that you can show to your friends and neighbors. And I'll give you exact instructions by which you can write up orders without making any house-to-house calls on strangers.

There is no charge now or at any other time. Everything I send you is free. When you qualify, I'll even furnish you with a complete 15 piece set of Carlton Ware that you can use in your own kitchen and show to your friends. It's an extra bonus I give you to encourage good earnings on your part. All 15 pieces will be shipped to you with my compliments.

Send your name today. You'll be glad you wrote. This ad may not appear in this magazine again, so don't take any chances on losing out. Send the coupon or just send your name on a postcard and say, "Send me everything free." I won't send any salesman to call on you and you won't be under the slightest obligation.

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